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In re Application of:

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For: HEATER FOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the following:

This application is a continuation of application No. 08/758,853 filed December 2, 1996, since abandoned, which is a continuation of application No. 08/571,706 filed December 6, 1995, since abandoned, which is a continuation of application No. 08/145,099 filed November 3, 1993, since abandoned, which is a continuation of application No. 07/979,434 filed November 20, 1992, since abandoned, which is a continuation of application No. 07/558,177 filed July 26, 1990, since abandoned, which is a reissue of application No. 06/866,910 filed May 27, 1986, patent No. 4,759,749.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) A sterile heat exchanger for controlling the temperature of a physiological fluid comprising a central tube having high heat conductivity for carrying a

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